Government of Punjab for paying compensation to the farmers whose land was acquired for fencing/flood lighting purpose.

Issue of citizenship cards

*150. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court, in its recent judgement, has stated that claim of citizenship cannot be valid by obtaining EC's photo Identity Card or ration card;

(b) if so, whether Government are actively considering to issue citizenship cards to all those who are actual residents of the country; and

(c) if so, by when and the steps Government propose to take to deport all the foreign national from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal for compulsory registration of all citizens in the country and issuing them Multi-Purpose National Identity Cards (MNICs) has been under consideration in this Ministry. A feasibility study in respect of this scheme is presently under preparation.

(c) Detection and deportation of foreign nationls staying illegally in the country is an on going process.

Coal based power projects

† *151. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new coal based power projects proposed to be started in the country;

(b) whether any of these new projects would be started in Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARA-MANGALAM): (a) 31 coal based power projects having a total capacity of 22806 MW are proposed to be started in the country.

(b) and (c) Suratgarh TPS Stage-II (2x250 MW) is proposed to be started in Rajasthan, the details of which are given below:—

Name of Project	Capacity (MW)	Date of Techno-Economic Clearance by Central Electricity Authority	Estimated completed cost of the Project
Suratgasrh TPs Stage-II District : Sriganganagar	2x250 MW	9.7.1999	Rs. 2057.62 Croes.

Incidents of atrocities against SCsSTs

† *152. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of atrocities on the people belonging to Scheduled Castes£cheduled Tribes have increased since previous years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the atrocities especially in the context of murder and arson inflicted on these people during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) what action is being taken by the Government to check such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) According to the

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